



**State Workforce Innovation Council
Career and Technical Schools Accreditation Committee
March 20, 2014
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street – Indianapolis IN 46204
Conference Room 6**

Present: Randy Holmes, Leroy Jackson, Dennis Rohrs

Also Present from DWD: Terri Banks, Associate Director of Policy and Accreditation Specialists Ryan Sherwood and Dinell Edge.

Absent: Jac Padgett, Paula Pinkstaff

Call to Order and Roll

Committee Chair, Randy Holmes, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and recognized a quorum was present.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2014

Mr. Holmes introduced the minutes of the committee meeting held on February 20, 2014, and asked for comments. Staff indicated that the date had been added to the minutes subsequent to posting the draft to the website. Mr. Rohrs motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item

Student Claims against Allied Health Institute, Inc.

Committee members were asked to approve refunds for six (6) additional student complainants totaling \$18,015.32. Mr. Rohrs motioned to approve the refunds seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.

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Staff Updates

Complaints/Claims against Allied Health Institute

Staff reported the receipt of two checks from CNA Surety totaling \$34,855.46 to settle claims previously submitted. An additional \$47,315.62 in claims submitted to CNA remains outstanding and is expected to arrive in the near future.

Student Records

Staff is investigating the feasibility of working with a vendor on a pilot project. The pilot will include the digitization of files received by OCTS from closed institutions as well as servicing and managing the student records in a new electronic format.

Activity Report

Staff provided the activity report that shows the amount of revenue generated, number of student complaints, school suspensions/revocations, etc. Also provided was an estimate of total potential student claims against Allied Health Institute, Inc. and the projected financial impact on the Career College Student Assurance Fund.

Questions / Discussion

Staff sought committee members' direction regarding regulatory authority specifically as it relates to programs offering yoga instruction, hypnosis, and modeling. Staff introduced a synopsis of previous decisions and opinions under which the former Commission on Proprietary Education (COPE) operated as well as new developments within these professions that have occurred since COPE's dissolution. Committee members reiterated staff's professional discretion in determining under new statutory authority the type of educational and training services that could be considered clearly and exclusively for self-improvement and/or avocational in intent thereby allowing these institutions to be exempted from SWIC regulation pursuant to IC 22-4.1-21-9 (C) .

The committee chair indicated the next meeting will be held on May 15th following the SWIC Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.